

SD Lunar New Year Festival Week

Presented by Council President Sean Elo-Rivera

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January 28 through February 4, 2022

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year celebrations are held before and after Lunar New Year's Day on February 1, 2022; **and**

WHEREAS, an estimated two billion people around the world celebrate the Lunar New Year, in particular Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean and other Asian Communities; **and**

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year gives families time to gather, celebrate and hope for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year; **and**

WHEREAS, The Little Saigon Foundation has held the SD Lunar New Year Festival since 2010 including 3-day celebrations, cultural performances, Asian foods, art displays and traditional lion dances attracting over 25 thousand people; **and**

WHEREAS, The SD Lunar New Year Festival provides safe and inclusive place free of prejudice where Vietnamese speaking people can freely express themselves in their native language; and

WHEREAS, the SD Lunar New Year Festival benefits underserved Asian communities, cultural organizations, non-profits and small businesses; **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim the week of January 28 through February 4, 2022, to be **"SD Lunar New Year Festival Week"** in the City of San Diego.